

Public Law 714

CHAPTER 600

July 14, 1956
[H. R. 6025]

AN ACT

To amend the shipping laws, to prohibit the operation in the coastwise trade of vessels rebuilt outside the United States, and for other purposes.

Coastwise trade
vessels rebuilt
outside U. S.
49 Stat. 442.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920, as amended (U. S. C., 1952 edition, title 46, sec. 883), is further amended by inserting the following new proviso at the end of the first proviso thereof: "*Provided further, That no vessel of more than five hundred gross tons which has acquired the lawful right to engage in the coastwise trade, either by virtue of having been built in or documented under the laws of the United States, and which has later been rebuilt outside the United States, its Territories (not including trust territories), or its possessions shall have the right thereafter to engage in the coastwise trade.*"

Report.

SEC. 2. If any vessel of more than five hundred gross tons documented under the laws of the United States, or last documented under such laws, is rebuilt outside the United States, its Territories (not including trust territories), or its possessions, a report of the circumstances of such rebuilding shall be made to the Secretary of the Treasury upon the first arrival of the vessel thereafter at a port within the customs territory of the United States in accordance with such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe. If the required report is not made, the vessel, together with its tackle, apparel, equipment, and furniture, shall be forfeited, and the master and owner shall each be liable to a penalty of \$200. Any penalty or forfeiture incurred under this Act may be remitted or mitigated by the Secretary under the provisions of section 5294 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended (U. S. C., 1952 edition, title 46, sec. 7).

Penalty.

Regulations.

Effective date.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act.

SEC. 4. This Act shall be effective from the date of enactment hereof: *Provided, however,* That no vessel shall be deemed to have lost its coastwise privileges hereunder if it is rebuilt under a contract entered into before such date of enactment and if the work of rebuilding is commenced not later than six months after such date of enactment.

Approved July 14, 1956.

Public Law 715

CHAPTER 601

July 14, 1956
[H. R. 6218]

AN ACT

To authorize payment by the Federal Government of the cost of making certain studies necessary to assist the Menominee Tribe of Indians to prepare for the termination of Federal supervision.

Menominee In-
dians.
Reimbursement
appropriation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the last sentence of section 6 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for a per capita distribution of Menominee tribal funds and authorize the withdrawal of the Menominee Tribe from Federal jurisdiction", approved June 17, 1954 (68 Stat. 250), is amended by changing the period at the end thereof to a comma and by adding "and there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as the Secretary shall deem necessary to reimburse the tribe for the expenditure of tribal funds pursuant to this section, or for any other expenditure of tribal funds